



Policy #058 Town of Quispamsis Ice Helmet Policy at Arenas

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Administrative Responsibility: Community Services Staff

Scope:

The Town of Quispamsis is committed to the safety of all individuals and groups using its arenas. Therefore, for the protection and safety of the public the wearing of a Canadian Standard Association (CSA) approved protective ice helmet is mandatory for all on-ice participants at the qplex and Quispamsis Memorial Arena.

Policy Statement

This policy is implemented for the safety and wellbeing of the public while participating in activities on the ice surface at Town of Quispamsis arenas.

Policy

CSA approved protective helmets are mandatory for all individuals, at all times, while on the ice at Town of Quispamsis arenas. This policy will be clearly posted with the other established regulations for activities.

Procedures

All individuals and groups are to wear CSA approved ice helmets while on ice surfaces at the arenas. The chinstrap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin. Failure to wear a helmet will result in the removal of the individual from the ice surface until they are wearing an approved helmet.

Exemption

Exemptions to this policy may be granted on an individual basis where the wearing of a helmet would interfere with the observance of a religious custom or the user group assumes liability coverage, as follows:

- Application for such exemption must be made to the Town of Quispamsis in writing.
 - Granting of such an exemption will require the applicant to provide a signed Helmet Policy Waiver prior to the participation in any on ice activity.
- User groups that assume liability coverage (proof of coverage must be provided at time of booking);
 - Skate Canada, Skate New Brunswick & Saint John Amateur Speed Skating Club
- Figure Skaters who are registered with Skate Canada, after successfully completing the CanSkate program as well as figure skating during sanctioned competitions are exempt from wearing a protective helmet during their activities as standard practice in the sport, which is supported by Skate Canada and Skate New Brunswick.
- Professional Hockey Associations and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League
 - The policy will not apply to team personnel during bookings made by the teams associated with Professional Hockey Associations and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

All other requests for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Town of Quispamsis for consideration.